

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-15 and 17 are pending. Claims 8, 10, 16 and 18-20 are canceled in this Response. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 8. Similarly, Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 16.

Amended Claims 1 and 11 -- Denying Access To Printer Configuration Controls

Amended Claim 1 recites that the printer denies access to configuration controls of the printer and will not print the secured print job unless a bio signature is entered that matches a bio signature associated with the print job. Amended Claim 11 recites denying access to configuration controls of the printer unless, and printing the secured print job only when, a bio signature is entered that matches the bio signature associated with the print job.

The Examiner correctly notes that Teitelbaum (5848231) teaches automatically configuring a customized computer user interface based on biometric authentication of a specific user. This teaching, however, has no particular relevance to the Claim 1 and Claim 11 limitation denying access to a printer's configuration controls unless a bio signature is entered that matches a bio signature associated with the print job. The claims require a bio signature associated with a print job, not with a computer user. The claims require denying access to printer configuration controls unless a matching bio signature is entered -- Teitelbaum by contrast configures the computer based on a bio signature.

So far as Applicant can see, there is nothing in Teitelbaum that can reasonably be construed as teaching or even suggesting denying access to a printer's configuration controls unless a bio signature is entered that matches a bio signature associated with the print job. If the Examiner disagrees, he is respectfully requested to specifically point out and explain those passages in Teitelbaum that teach these claim limitations. Absent such a showing, the Section 103 rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-7 and 9 and Claims 12-15 and 17 are felt to distinguish over the cited references due to their dependence on Claims 1 and 11, respectively.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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